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REMARKS

This is intended as a full and complete response to the Final Office Action dated March 31, 2006, having a shortened statutory period for response set to expire on June 30, 2006. Please reconsider the claims pending in the application for reasons discussed below.

Claims 1-3, 7-20, 23-26, and 58-72 remain pending in the application and are shown above. Claims 1-3, 7-20, 23-26, and 58-72 are rejected by the Examiner. Reconsideration of the rejected claims is requested for reasons presented below.

IDS

A supplemental Information Disclosure Statement was filed on June 9, 2005. This IDS has not been considered by the Examiner. Applicants respectfully request consideration of this IDS.

Claim Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. § 102

Claims 1-3, 7-20, 23-26, and 58-72 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by *Hawkins III*, 6,752,044.

Regarding claims 1, 15 and 63, *Hawkins III* does not disclose the torque or load distributors (95, 695, 795). These torque or load distributors (95, 695, 795) are pendulum bolts. *Hawkins III* has no pendulum bolts. As shown in Figure 3, the gripping assembly (82) holds a piston rod 100, however there is no torque distributor associated with the gripping assembly (82). Therefore, *Hawkins III* does not teach, show, or suggest the torque distributors of claims 1-3 7-20, 23-26, 58-62. Further, *Hawkins III* does not teach, show, or suggest the load distributors of claims 63-72.

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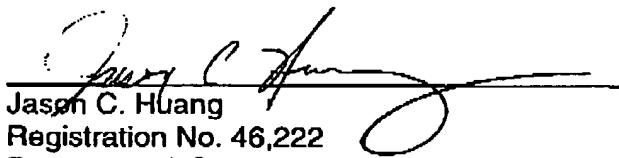
Claims 1-3, 7-12, 15-19, 23-26, and 58-72 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by *Buck*, 4,649,777.

Regarding claims 1, 15 and 63, *Buck* does not disclose the torque or load distributors (95, 695, 795). These torque or load distributors (95, 695, 795) are pendulum bolts. *Buck* has no pendulum bolts. *Buck* simply discloses a cylinder guide not a torque distributor. Therefore, *Buck* does not teach, show, or suggest the torque distributors of claims 1-3 7-20, 23-26, 58-62. Further, *Buck* does not teach, show, or suggest the load distributors of claims 63-72.

Conclusion

The references cited by the Examiner, alone or in combination, do not teach, show, or suggest the invention as claimed. Having addressed all issues set out in the office action, Applicants respectfully submit that the claims are in condition for allowance and respectfully request that the claims be allowed.

Respectfully submitted,



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